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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Cafe Toddlers

Every Friday morning in term time from 9:00-11:00 St Mary's church is taken over by pre-school children and their parents and carers. Toys, music, crafts, food and fun for the children and (really good) coffee, home made cake and the newspapers for the adults. A great way to meet local people and to have fun with your kids. Everyone is welcome and it's all free. Just turn up.

Family Service

On the first Sunday of the month our service at St Mary's is informal and relaxed, with something for the whole family. There's coffee and something tasty to eat from 10:15 and the service starts at 10:45. The next service is on 7 September and will include the baptisms of some older children from our Sunday Club.

Sunday Club Creche

Every Sunday we run groups for children and young people and from September 21 this will include, for the first time, a crèche for pre schoolers. Come along and let your little ones have fun as you enjoy the service. All welcome.

Alpha

Starting in January we are running Alpha - the chance to explore the big questions of life over a good meal with lots of other people who are also asking questions. You can do Alpha whatever you do or don't believe, or if you're really not sure if you believe anything at all. Find out more on our website or speak to Ali Williams on 01580 211478.

Parenting Teenagers

We are launched into parenthood - which is probably the most important job we will ever had - without any training at all, and parenting teenagers may well be the hardest time of all. The Parenting Teenagers course is a chance to share your experience and questions with other parents, to benefit from DVD input from professionals and experts and to get to know other local people. It starts on 24 September in Goudhurst & Kildown Primary School and you can find out more on the website.

And there's lots more going on, and you can find out about it all on our website

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FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

I've never had much time for the New Year. It has always struck me that January is a very arbitrary time to declare that something new is starting. After all, the 1st of January feels much like the 31st December - the weather is usually just as bad, there's no sign of a change in the seasons any time soon and for most people going back to school, University or work, things pick up where they left off before Christmas.

I have always felt that September is the real New Year. All those years at school have deeply embedded the sense - a sense that grows through August - that something new is about to start; a new school year, new teachers and new subjects. And there was always lots to get ready for - new uniform and school kit, the excitement of seeing friends again, the gloom of summer holiday freedom ending.

And beyond our school days, once we're stuck into working life, the long summer holiday gives a real break and a sense of starting afresh when work starts again. We've had a chance to step back from normal life and to see things from a new perspective.

And our own experience is mirrored in nature as well - September feels different to August. The evenings are noticeably shorter, jumpers come out again and the new series of Dr Who has just started.

This is the real New Year.

So, whether September is bringing you and your family big changes or small, I want to wish you a Happy New Year.

And if this September new year brings a new sense of purpose or direction for you, or new questions and dilemmas, then remember that God is - above all - the God of new starts. So start this 'New Year' with a resolution to asking for his guidance and his care. At St Mary's and Christ Church we will be inviting people to make a new commitment to regular prayer, and if this prayer helps you, you might like to use it each day.

God of new beginnings,
help me as I begin this 'New Year'.
Reassure me when I find it difficult to adjust to change,
and guide me in the new situations I'll face in the coming weeks.
Thank you for new opportunities;
help me to grasp them with hope and courage,
And when I feel uncertain,
remind me that you are always with me.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

God bless

Rev Hugh

St Mary's PCC Annual Quiz

Teams of eight friends, blood relatives or passing acquaintances are invited to pitch wits on

Saturday September 20th

Goudhurst Parish Hall

From 6.30 pm

**Tickets £15 per person
to include two course supper**

If you have the wherewithal to call Richard Vinton on 01580 211 949 to reserve your table, then there's a reasonable chance you'll be able to answer most of the questions correctly and end the evening with the satisfaction that you can hold your head high the next day*.

*unless of course you are taking lunch with the winners.

CALENDAR

Please note - re: 8.00 am Communion Service in St Mary's – order two from the Book of Common Worship, Traditional Language is used.

Weekday parish prayers: Morning prayer is on Friday 8.00 am at Christ Church. Evening prayer is at 5.30 pm on Friday at Christ Church when the prayers for Compline will be used. See weekly sheet for Bible readings.

Tues	2nd	3.00 pm	Children's Chapel booked
Thurs	4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Kilndown PCC
Fri	5th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers – St Mary's
		pm	Childrens Chapel Booked
		5.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	6th	9.30 am	Children's Chapel Booked
		4.00 pm	Wedding – St Mary's
Sun	7th		Trinity 12
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Family Service + Baptisms
		pm	Sunday Club Party
Thurs	11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion- St Mary's
Fri	12th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sun	14th		Trinity 13/ Harvest I
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Harvest / Holy Communion – Christ Church
			Followed by lunch
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Tues	16th	2.00 pm	Bible Study and prayers
Thurs	18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Fri	19th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers
Sat	20th	3.00 pm	Wedding
Sun	21st		Trinity 14
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - St Mary's
		9.15 am	Holy Communion – Christ Church
		10.45 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
Tues	23rd	3.45 pm	Tuesday Club commences
Wed	24th		Parenting Course commences
Thurs	25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary's
		7.30 pm	Goudhurst PCC
Fri	26th	9.00 am	Cafe Toddlers

Sun	28th	Trinity 15/ Harvest 2
	8.00 am	Holy Communion – St Mary'
	10.45 am	Harvest / Holy Communion – St Mary's

READINGS

Sunday 7th	Trinity 12	
	Ezekiel 33:7 - 11	Rom 13:8 - end
	Matthew 18:15 - 20	

Sunday 14th	Trinity 13	
	Gen 50:15 - 21	Rom 14:1 - 12
	Matthew 18:21 - 35	

Harvest Readings	Deut 8:7 - 18	2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15
	Luke 12:16 - 30	

Sunday 21st Trinity 14		
	Jonah 3:10 - end of 4 ,	Philippians 1:21 - end
	Matthew 20:1 - 16	

Sunday 28th	Trinity 15	
	Ezek 18:1 - 4, 25 - end	Philippians 2:1 - 13
	Matthew 21:23 - 32	

Harvest Readings	Deut 8:7 - 18	2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15
	Luke 12:16 - 30	

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Church

13.7.2014	Molly Whitman
27.7.2014	Elliott Lilley
	Arthur Lilley
10.8.2014	Isla May Chapman

MARRIAGE - We congratulate on their marriage

26.7.2014	Henry Martin & Hannah Vousden
2.8.2014	Charles Kitchenham & Abigail Abbott
	Lewis Saunders & Coral Godden
9.6.2014	Robert Dunbar & Francesca Cheney

FUNERAL/BURIAL - We commend into God's loving care

5.8.2014	Roger Coles
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PASTORAL SERVICES

7.8.2014	Thanksgiving service for Bob Foster
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St Mary's Goudhurst and Christ Church Kilndown

Harvest Lunch

Cottage Pie and Puds

All Welcome!

Kilndown Village Hall

Sunday 14th September 2014 12noon

(after the Harvest Festival service in Christ Church at 10.45)

Tickets £3 (under 5's free)

Bring your own drink!

Any profit to Christian Aid so there will be a raffle and the opportunity for donations!



Tickets from Tina 01892 890426 (tinagallagher22@aol.com)



Barn Dance 2014

Saturday 4 October

Tickets 10 pounds from 01580 211610

Goudhurst Parish Hall

Under 16s 5 pounds or

Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 under-16s) 25 pounds

3RD AUGUST 1974-2014 RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tony and I would like to thank Hugh and the Goudhurst church family for giving us such a warm welcome as, along with our family, we joined you for your family service on Sunday 3rd August, which was our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. It made our day even more special and as I said, felt like coming home once again.

I was born in Trowswell Cottage, North Road, opposite the entrance to Lover's Lane. Miss Kathleen Hope lived in the adjoining cottage. A most sincere lady who never walked but always trotted everywhere. She cleaned the church diligently for many years. There was no bathroom and no electricity so my birth was lit by oil lamps at 2am on an early January morning, attended by Nurse Walsh and Doctor Bolt. Four years later my parents Reg (also known as Bob) and Joyce Bowles moved into a new house called St Cuby's in Blind Lane where they ran a small holding growing mostly strawberries and potatoes and kept pigs. The house is now much altered since my mother moved to Biddenden in 1979 when she could no longer manage on her own after my father's unexpected death at 51 years in 1972.

I have many fond memories of my early years attending the original Goudhurst primary school with Mr Bennett as headmaster and Mrs Eileen Jackson as school secretary. There was a large Sunday school run by Miss Crusoe and my teacher was Miss Wendy Richards. My mother came to play the piano for the choruses, which we knew from memory. My father was organist and choir master at St Mary's from 1939-1972 and the piano now in the children's room was bought by parishioners in his memory. I sang in the church choir as soon as I was big enough for a gown, along with my older sister Maralyn with our grandfather Reg Bowles singing with the bass voices. Besides farming, he was a blacksmith by profession and kept the forge at Glassenbury. He served as a farrier sergeant in France during the First World War. We had annual suppers of bangers and mash for choir and bell ringers and those who could, provided the entertainment that followed. There was carol singing around the village before Christmas with a round on the hand bells to let people know we had arrived and I seem to remember at least 2 full carols were sung at each house! After my father's death my younger sister Joy had organ lessons and at 15 took on the post of organist at St Mary's for about 4 years until she left for college in 1979, while my mother usually accompanied Evensong during this time.

My father also had a dance band, 'The Revellers' fulfilling many bookings from the years during the Second World War and still in demand for dances and social functions in the area right up to his death. My mother played the piano accordion and she along with dad on the piano were often asked to entertain what was then called the Old Folks Club, which met in the Ex-servicemen's club. It was members of the Ex-servicemen's club who also organised an annual village trip to the coast when as many as 13 coaches would be full and waved off from the Plain by those not going. Children were given 7 shillings and 6 pence to spend, a fortune in those days- about 37 pence now.

I arrived in Goudhurst on Saturday 2nd August in time for the unveiling of the refurbished war memorial – my uncle, Mervyn Bowles, was killed in a flying accident during the Second World War. I met two school friends who I hadn't seen for many years as well as a few people I had known when I lived in Goudhurst, which was a great joy. I went into church again on Thursday and as I left I spoke with an elderly man who was visiting

the church for the first time in 70 years. He had been a pupil at Bethany School and was a server during the Second World War for Canon MacMichael who had such an influence on him that he too became a priest. My father would have been organist at this time. Canon MacMichael officiated at my parents wedding service in 1947 and I was baptised by him. He and his wife were very hospitable people, commented on by the gentleman I met who particularly remarked on the generosity of Mrs MacMichael when food was in short supply.

My husband, who I met whilst at college in Canterbury, and I now live in north Oxfordshire. We spent the week at Three Chimneys Oast and from the balcony we could look across to Goudhurst, with the church on the horizon. A wonderful week prompting many happy memories.

Janice Elvidge née Bowles
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PIMMS BY THE POND

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fund raising event for The Friends of St. Mary's. You helped us raise a little over 900 very welcome pounds which we will go towards the maintenance of our much loved church on the hill. We were blessed with a perfect setting on a perfect evening and our thanks go to Keith and Carol Buckland for their generous hospitality and to the Weald of Kent Morris men(and women) who completed a quintessentially English summer celebration. However the much needed boiler will not pay for itself and our next event is the Christmas Village Night and Craft Fair on Friday November 28th. See you there.

Pam Stubbs

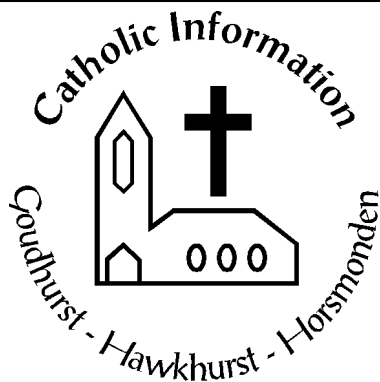
A NEW UNIVERSITY IN OUR CORNER OF KENT !

A new university is to be launched in October. The new branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) will be centred on Goudhurst but open to every retired or semi-retired person in the area, and especially men and women from Lamberhurst, Horsmonden, Brenchley, Kildown, and Curtisden Green, as well as from Goudhurst of course.

The University of the Third age was founded in France in 1972 but has spread rapidly around the World and there are now 933 branches in this country and over 340,000 active but retired people join in the courses, enjoy the social events, and get themselves out of the house and away from the TV. The Goudhurst and District U3A is on track to offer at least 12 different groups as diverse as Bridge for Beginners, Art appreciation, Psychology, Wine Tasting, and Photography, to name just a few.

The inaugural meeting will be in Goudhurst Parish Hall on Wednesday 22nd October from 2.30pm to 5pm. Why not put it in your diary now, and come along and see what's on offer?

If you can't get to the meeting on 22nd October, but would like to be on our mailing list, please get in touch with our membership secretary, Paul Griffin, e-mail: pgriffin457@btinternet.co.uk. Or phone him on 01580 212457



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Masses

Saturday:	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst
Sunday:	8.30am	St Barnabas, Hawkhurst
	10.30am	Goudhurst
Monday to Thursday:	9.30am	Goudhurst
Friday:	10.00am	Hawkhurst

Baptisms and Confessions by arrangement

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01580 891686

Churches Together

THE GOUDHURST & KILNDOWN LUNCH CLUB

The Goudhurst & Kilndown Lunch Club is run for elderly people living alone who would welcome the opportunity to share a delicious, home-cooked hot meal and a chat. We meet on two Mondays a month at 12.30pm (till 2pm) in the Goudhurst Village Hall, by the pond. (There is no obligation to come every time!) The cost of the lunch is £4 and lifts can be arranged if necessary. If you would like to join, or if you know of anyone who might be interested, please call either Pippa Horlick (01580 715286 or mobile 07754 044337) or Jo Santini (01580 212215 or mobile 07733 384838). Our next lunches are 1st, 15th & 29th September, 13th & 27th October, 10th & 24th November. We are always delighted to welcome some new faces!

FOOTPATH WALK - SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

You are invited to join a walk on Saturday 20th September starting at 2pm by the lake at the junction of Grovehurst Lane and Hayman's Hill. There is roadside parking alongside the lake on Grovehurst Ln. Approximate post code is TN12 8DN and map reference is 715-409. Directions from Goudhurst - follow North Rd turning off left, signposted to Horsmonden, then take the first right along a minor road, uphill, to the lake on the left side of the road.

The walk will be at an easy pace on footpaths along a ridge with views of Goudhurst over the Teise valley and a chance to admire this year's apple crop. We will cross the river Teise at Stone Bridge, follow footpath WC3 to Finchurst Farm, then footpath WC6 to return over the Teise and uphill back to Grovehurst Ln. by 4pm.

The walk will involve a few stiles and, depending on the weather, there could be some muddy stretches. Everyone is welcome to join this walk.

If you need a lift or would be willing to share a car or have questions about the walk please contact d.boniface@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone at 01580 211430 or mobile on the day 07518 894 915.

David & Pamela Boniface



This term we would like to welcome Lily Driver, Toby Drury, Raydan Scheepers, Keira Denny and Jack Shimmin to the pre-school and hope they settle in to enjoy their time with us.

This month the children will be getting to know each other, especially the newcomers and our new assistants Holly and Jorge who come from Sandhurst and KB's Nurseries respectively. Holly will be training for her NVQ Level 3 with us and Jorge has Early Years Professional Status having attained his degree in his homeland of Spain. This month the children will be learning about the Harvest Festival, Autumn and reading the book "We're Going On a Bear Hunt" with accompanying activities.

On Wednesday 24th there will be a visit from the Kent County Council Discovery Bus that will teach the children eco awareness and afford them an opportunity to experience an exercise bike, a gym twister, a woodland area, a match a bug activity, a nocturnal animal habitat, a story telling area, growing and healthy eating activities, arts and crafts and more. There will also be an autumnal outing for them to enjoy.

Look out for new photos on our website and Facebook page. Enquiries to Jo Galloway on 07896 890370.

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>

GOUDHURST MARKS THE UNVEILING OF IT'S RENOVATED WAR MEMORIAL

According to the BBC South East Today programme, over 300 people attended the occasion which was graced with the presence of the MP for Royal Tunbridge Wells, the High Sheriff, two Deputy Lieutenants, the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Royal Tunbridge Wells, the District Commander of Police, Borough Councillors and Goudhurst Parish Councillors. Also there, were the grandson and great grandson of Sir Charles Jessel (who originally donated the land on which the Memorial was built) and the grandson of the original architect. All of the donors to the War Memorial Restoration Fund had been invited and it was delightful to see so many of the relatives of the deceased. Luckily the road from Clay Hill to the Goudhurst crossroads had been closed to accommodate such a large gathering.

The ceremony began at 10.45 am with the Chairman of the War Memorial Committee introducing Colonel Peter Bishop. OBE. DL. to the committee members. After a short welcome speech Colonel Bishop then officially unveiled the Memorial while the standard bearers from the Buffs and from the Royal British Legion saluted. The Memorial was then blessed by the Revd Hugh Nelson, vicar of Goudhurst and Kildown. The DL then thanked the people of Goudhurst for their very great efforts over the past 12 months which had resulted in a restoration which had been completed to a very high standard, on time and within budget. He also noted that the Memorial gardens had been re-planted and that low level lighting had been installed.

Several activities then followed, among them a reception held in the Goudhurst Ex-Servicemen's Club (kindly sponsored by Great Battlefield Tours) while Roger Joye got down to the task of selling and signing his recently published book "Goudhurst and Kildown at War". Meanwhile over in the Goudhurst Parish Hall, the ladies in charge of the Lunch Club were providing lunch for 30 senior citizens, who then stayed on for a matinee of "Oh What a Lovely War" performed by GADS. There was also an interesting display of WWI memorabilia available to view together with some of the primary school's entries to the Royal British Legion's annual poster competition.





The first service to take place at the Memorial was on Monday 4th August, to coincide with the Declaration of War 100 years previously at 11pm. Again numbers were high with an estimated 150 – 200 people attending. Prayers were led by Revd Hugh Nelson followed by a bugle call to sound “Last Post” at precisely

11pm. Two minutes silence was then observed during which the St. Mary’s church bell was tolled and the lights of Goudhurst were extinguished, leaving just the War Memorial lights illuminated.

The names from the Memorial were then read out by the Chairman of the Goudhurst Royal British Legion and a small wooden cross was laid for each one, the first 12 by relatives of the deceased, many of whom had come from far and wide to attend this special occasion. A final prayer and the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem then completed the ceremony. For a further 1 hour, photos of some of the soldiers from WWI were projected onto the front of the Vine Inn.

It was announced that Goudhurst would fly the Union Flag at half mast on the 100th anniversary of the death of each man and woman, with his or her image projected at dusk onto The Vine, and this would be preceded by a small piece in the Parish Magazine on each one. Thus over the next 5 years Goudhurst would continue in a quiet but meaningful way to pay tribute to their sacrifice.

Grateful thanks are due to each and every one of those who have helped this project through to it’s successful conclusion, not least of course the donors to the Restoration Fund. The media coverage for the weekend shows that Goudhurst had achieved something rather special.

Tony Richards

Official Guest List :-

Colonel Peter Bishop OBE. DL

The Rt.Hon.Greg Clarke,MP.PC

The High Sheriff of Kent Mr Hugo Fenwick

Chief Inspector Dave Pate, District Commander, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Cllr Julian Stanyer. Mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells and the Lady Mayoress.

Sir Charles Jessel Bt. (grandson of War Memorial land donor in the 1920s)

Mr George Jessel DL. (great grandson of War Memorial land donor)

Mr Tim Benians, (grandson of War Memorial Architect)

GOUDHURST EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees of the Foundation are inviting applications for a limited number of grants to residents in the Parish of Goudhurst who are under 25 years of age and who, in the opinion of the Trustees, are eligible for financial assistance towards their further education. Grants can be towards the cost of education, or for outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to help beneficiaries at school, university or any other educational establishment. To apply, please contact Anthony Farnfield, Clerk to the Trustees, 01580 212552 or anthony@thefarnfields.co.uk before 12 September 2014.

QUARRY CENTRE

Summer holidays always have an effect on Saturday Shop sales, sometimes I get it right sometimes not and then there's a grand pile of wrinkled fruit and veg to be dealt with! The new school term will soon be with us and 'things' will be back to normal whatever that is! However normality is about to be disrupted, as one or two of our regular customers are moving on to pastures new and that could possibly leave our till takings a little short of what we have become used to. Hopefully some of the new residents will use the Shop, but they have to be encouraged.....so, we are planning an event at the QC to showcase Who, What, Where and When or something on those lines – as they say watch this space.

Winners in the June and July QC Club Draw were, Tracy Roberts, Rene Huntington, Betty Furnell, Muriel Parker and Eric Skinner. We have decided to discontinue the QC Club as of the end of the year, and do something else in its place.

The current grand stack of paperback books will shortly disappear to the Scout Jumble Sale on September 13 (in Goudhurst) but fear not, another selection of reading material will soon take its place! Don't forget there is a collection box for used postage stamps in the QC, the last lot have been sent to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

There is room for one or two more stallholders at the Craft Fair on October 18. This year we have one or two well known faces and a selection of first timers to us, this is the third fair! It would be really good to have an enormous cake and produce stall, as we, as a village have not been 'caked out' by Dick Bird this year, perhaps some of you would like to get baking and more to the point would someone like to organise the stall? And are there any volunteers for the day in general? As in previous years we will be dividing the proceeds between Christ Church and the Quarry Centre.

Thank you to Christine, Ann and Carolyn who stepped in to play shopkeepers during August (and also Bridget, Lottie and Mary who have yet to do their bit) to Eric for mowing our grass and generally helping, to the Globe & Rainbow for being keyholders and providing some tasty treats and most of all to yourselves for helping to keep a shop in Kilndown.

Lynda Shepherd



SCOUT
JUMBLE & CAKE
SALE

SATURDAY 13th September
FROM 1PM
AT GOUDHURST VILLAGE HALL

For further information or donations of good quality jumble please
contact Jacqui Clark - 01580 211591
or donation of cakes Andrea Kirkby - 01580 211037

VILLAGE ECHOES

The exact date of the first church in Goudhurst is not known but it is recorded that there was a church here early in the 12th century when it came under the auspices of Leeds Priory. Eventually, however, a priory was established at Combwell whose monks then acted as chaplains to St Mary's Church in Goudhurst. Records are vague from this time but a past resident of the village, Walter Parry Haskett Smith, listed the names of the vicars from 1210 in the Goudhurst Coronation Book of 1937. First in the list was Benjamin, then William followed by Benjamin de Guherst in 1254. In 1300 Peter the Vicar (the first incumbent to sign himself 'Vicar') made a name for himself by lodging a complaint against the Prior and convent for withholding money due to him from tithes levied in the parish. They also charged him 18d per year for holy oil which he thought was excessive. The case went in his favour, with the result that rights were restored to him and future vicars. It wasn't until 1391, when Thomas Syer was Chaplain, that funding was forthcoming for a vicarage in the village. Until this time Vicars shared Goudhurst duties with their own parish in some cases as far away as Ashford or even Theydon in Essex. This was because the tithes, or earnings, from the parish were insufficient to support a clergyman in his home parish.

After the dissolution of the monasteries during the reign of Henry VIII, St Mary's Church was transferred to the Dean and Chapter of Rochester but responsibility for appointing a Vicar devolved to the Rector who in the case of Goudhurst was a lay person and usually a member of a local landowning family. The Rector kept the income from the tithes out of which he then paid the Vicar a salary. This income was known as the Living and the amount concerned varied wildly from parish to parish depending on its resources. Henry VIII's reign was a period of great turmoil for churches and their priests and in Goudhurst it took a long time to settle down, with a total of eight different incumbents between 1550 and the arrival of William Walter in 1562. He stayed in post until 1589 when the registers of St Mary's record his burial on 21st August that year.

Two more clergymen followed in quick succession before Richard Milbourne arrived in 1612. A Londoner by birth, he had been educated at Winchester College and Queens' College, Cambridge and came to Goudhurst via Sevenoaks and Cheam in Surrey. He was appointed Dean of Rochester in 1611 and chaplain to Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales, the eldest son of James I of England. However his tenure was also short-lived as he resigned from Goudhurst in 1613 and went on to become Bishop of St David's in 1615 and Bishop of Carlisle in 1621.

In 1625 Walter Balcanqual, (alternative spelling Balcanquhall) the son of a Presbyterian minister in Edinburgh, also became Dean of Rochester - the same year he was appointed vicar of St Mary's. After attending university in Edinburgh he went to Pembroke College, Cambridge and by the time he left there in 1616 he had changed his religious allegiance. He spent a short time as chaplain to James I of England before taking up various posts in other parts of the country. He left Goudhurst after only a year. In 1639, he was made Dean of Durham in recognition of his services to the monarchy, and in the same year

he published His Majesty's Large Declaration concerning the Late Tumults in Scotland. On 29 July 1641 for his support of the King against the covenanters in Scotland he was one of those denounced by the Scottish parliament as an 'incendiary'. With the advent of the English Civil War his fortune waned and, forced to flee by the Parliamentarians, he died in Chirk Castle, Denbighshire in 1645.

The English Civil War also caused problems for Daniel Horsmonden, a member of a wealthy family whose property ownership in Goudhurst included Lamberts, in Church Road. Daniel was vicar of St Mary's from 1625 until 1640 as well as being the Rector of Ulcombe from 1627. In 1643 he was one of several clergy in Kent whose Royalist sympathies led to them being forced from their livings and their estates sequestered by the Parliamentarians. He had also been falsely accused of "being a scandalous and malignant priest, a common haunter of ale-houses and taverns and very often exceedingly drunk". As a consequence of these events he was forced to sell a substantial amount of property in order to support himself and his family. His eldest son, Warham, left England during the Civil War for Virginia, America where he held office as a justice in Charles City County for over twenty years before eventually returning to his homeland with the restoration of Charles II.

Local History Society

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MACMILLAN NURSES APPEAL

What? Tea and cakes plus raffle,
tombola, book and puzzle stalls

Where? Kilndown Village Hall

When? Sunday 28th September
2 pm - 5 pm

Why? To raise money for
Macmillan Nurses who
work so hard for cancer patients.

Last year we raised about £400.00 for this worthy cause. Let's see if we can beat that this year. Donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes would be welcomed. Spend an enjoyable time with friends and neighbours supporting this vital charity.

For further information 'phone
01892 890477 or 890600

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

1

Community Choir

Every Monday at
7.30pm
Kilndown Church

2

3

Premier Sports

Workshop
In the school

4

G&K Primary School

New Term starts!

Goudhurst Village Pre-School

New Term Starts!

8

G&K Primary

Breakfast
Club starts

9

Tuesday Club

“Open Meeting”

G&K Primary School

“Meet the Teacher”
3.30-4.30

10

G&K Primary School

11+ Exams!

11

G&K Primary School

“Meet the Teacher”

Kilndown Village Hall

Motivate Fitness
Circuits Class
Every Thursday 8pm

15

G&K Primary School

School Clubs starts

16

The Goudhurst Inn

Chicken Chuesday
Every Tuesday

17

Moby Dick’s

Fish & Chips
Wednesday
evenings
on The Plain

18

Globe & Rainbow

“Chicken Table Roast”
every other Thursday

22

Royal British Legion

Meeting in the
Jessel Room

23

Kids Tuesday Club

New club
for 8-10’s
starts

24

“Parenting Teenagers”

Course starts at the
school

25

Globe & Rainbow

“Around the
World Dining”
every other Thursday

29

30

31

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

5

Dads of Goudhurst School

Drinks at The Goudhurst Inn

First Friday Meeting

Weeks

Finchcocks Jazz Evening

6

Gentlemen's Breakfast Club

Speaker Greg Clark MP
School from 9am

St Marys Tower open
Every Saturday afternoon

7

St Marys Sunday Club
Club party

12

13

Kent Churches

Ride & Stride
sponsored Bike Ride

Bowl Water

Dragon Boat Weekend

Kilndown Gardening Club

Autumn Show

14

Kilndown Village Hall
Harvest Lunch

St Marys Tower open
Every Sunday afternoon

19

Café Toddler

@ St Mary's every
Friday morning

20

Quarry Centre Shop

Open every Saturday am

St Marys Quiz

Goudhurst Parish Hall

21

St Marys Prayer Walk

Bedgebury Forest

26

27

St Marys Dads & Kids

Pitch & Putt

Royal British Legion

Annual Dinner

Finchcocks

"Weald at War" concert

28

Kilndown Village Hall
McMillan Coffee Morning

St Mary's
Harvest Festival

Bowl Water

Half Price Admission
Weekend

dates may change!

The Cottage
Hunts Lane
Goudhurst. TN17 1AH
15th August 2014

To the People of Goudhurst,

Bill Musgrave has been a great contributor to the community in Goudhurst. Quietly and without fuss he has used his organisational skills and private funds to undertake and finance projects and to make significant donations to a variety of local organisations.

Dennis Knight has made efforts to get Goudhurst Parish Council to support this proposal but the Council does not have the power to spend public money to benefit an individual.

We believe that the community should give some form of tangible and public appreciation for the many significant benefits that Bill has brought to fruition in this village. Bill's dear wife Betty passed away in recent months and we feel that it is proper to acknowledge Bill's efforts while he is still among us.

We are sending this appeal to people and organisations that we believe would wish to support this project. Our proposal is that a second picnic table or a seat should be installed by the pond on the Plain at a budget of around £650. This will have a suitable inscription. Our hope is to attract a relatively large number of smaller donations rather than a few large ones. To this end Dennis has opened a special bank account at First Direct in his name. The account number is 65286026 and sort code is 40 47 87.

You are invited to make contributions either on line to the above account or by cheque payable to "Dennis Knight a/c 65286026" sent to Dennis at 1 Hunts Lane Goudhurst TN17 1AH. The account will be closed at the end of October although it is hoped to have the seat installed earlier than that. Should the fund exceed the anticipated expenditure any excess will be passed to a local organisation that Bill selects.

Dennis Knight
Tom Crookall

COVER PHOTOS

The photo on the front cover shows Colonel (Retd) Peter Bishop who unveiled the newly renovated Goudhurst War Memorial, Cllr Tony Richards who officiated at the ceremony and Revd. Hugh Nelson who closed the ceremony with prayers for the fallen. That on the rear cover shows Peter Rolington, instigator of the renovation of the Goudhurst War Memorial, in the First World War uniform of a Colonel, in conversation with the High Sheriff of Kent, Mr. Hugo Fenwick, at the reception following the unveiling of the Memorial.

Thanks to the photographers Andy Russell and Antony Rowse for allowing us to use their photos.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The annual summer outing in July was to the BBC at Bush House and members enjoyed a very interesting tour seeing how programmes are made and were even invited to take part! The visit was followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the Strand Palace Hotel.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30 pm when Chris O'Donoghue will talk about "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea Flower Show". Visitors and new members are always welcome, for further information please contact Annie Fellows 01892 890354.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Branch was very pleased with the large attendance at the Unveiling of the War Memorial and the Commemoration of the Start of World War One in early August. This showed the widespread support, gratitude and respect our community has for those who served and gave their lives for our country.

In the first month of the war after the battle of Mons in which we lost 15,000 men – killed, wounded or taken prisoner – Laurence Binyon wrote lines that will always be associated with the Legion:

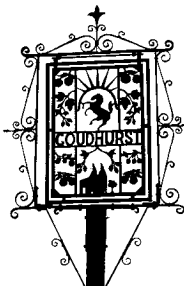
'At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them'

Note

The next Branch meeting will be held on Monday 22nd September in the Jessel Room.

GOUDHURST RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at 7.45 on Thursday 18th September in the Goudhurst Church Room when Dominic Robinson will be giving a presentation on Choral Music in a Community. Some of the most inspiring music is written for choirs, particularly in church. Dominic Robinson has been managing choirs across the UK for 10 years, including his college in Cambridge and, most recently, in Kilndown. He will reflect on the skills that can create great choral music and how performing can bring a community together. He will illustrate it with examples of performances. Members come free and visitors are welcomed at £5. Further information from Quentin Rappoport 01580 211514 or Clare Benfield 01580 211517.



WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Amenity Lorry (Cory) will be at these locations:

Goudhurst, Balcombes Hill Car Park, 8.00 am to 11.00 am

07 September

21 September

05 October

Kilndown, Beresford Close, 12 noon to 1.45 pm

07 September

05 October

Curtisden Green, Outside Bethany School 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

07 September

05 October

This service is meant for the disposal of small household rubbish items. If you have trouble putting your waste into the lorry, ask the driver for help.

If you have large items for disposal such as bulky furniture, old cookers, washing machines and fridges, or potentially hazardous items, please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (01892 526121) for advice and to arrange a special collection (for which there is a small charge).

Everybody is invited to use the Recycling Facilities at:

Balcombes Hill Car Park – glass

Bethany School – glass, cans, paper and cardboard

Finchcocks – glass, cans, paper and cardboard

The Peacock – glass and textiles

Globe & Rainbow, Kilndown – glass and cans

Goudhurst & Kilndown CE Primary School (big yellow container) – clothing including socks and underwear, paired shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys, perfume, cosmetics, net curtains, towels and aprons. This facility is a school fund raiser.

Harpers Farm, Summerhill, Curtisden Green – textiles and shoes (a charity facility)

Please phone Tunbridge Wells Borough Council 01892 526121 if you have any queries about waste collection and recycling.

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At 11.00 on 2nd August the Goudhurst War Memorial, beautifully restored, was duly unveiled with appropriate ceremony by the Deputy Lieutenant for Kent, Colonel Peter Bishop, OBE DL accompanied by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells Cllr Julian Stanyer, The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP and others. There followed at 23.00 on Monday 4th August a late evening ceremony where crosses were laid as the names of the fifty-nine men and one woman recorded on the memorial were read out. It was all most moving, with an estimated 300 & 200 attending on each occasion (full report elsewhere in the magazine).

As reported last month, the Balcombes Hill Car Park is on the TWBC list of “non-performing assets” for disposal and we are in discussions with them to ensure that this vital Goudhurst facility remains available to the community (alternatively GPC will take steps to acquire it). Following hard on the heels of that announcement, TWBC notified all local parishes of the Discretionary Services which will be withdrawn unless the local communities take on the cost. In this case the continued provision of the public toilets at Balcombes Hill and the regular Sunday civic amenity lorry are under threat. The reason behind these changes is clear; government funding is being withdrawn with funding priority given to more needy areas. However with Borough Council Tax charges simultaneously government capped, there is therefore less money available so choices have to be made. If we are not able to negotiate some relaxation of these changes then we, as a community, will have to decide how much we feel these are essential for our community and if necessary fund them as a parish (estimated to be an extra £5 a year on a Band D Council Tax bill).

U3A (University of the 3rd Age) has been working hard throughout the summer to bring their hopes into reality and our new Goudhurst and District U3A will be formally introduced to our community at an inaugural meeting to be held at Goudhurst Parish Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday October 22nd. Early indications suggest that there is considerable interest in: Literature, Wine appreciation, Computers and computing, Theatre and cinema, Walking, Photography, Gardening, French, Bridge, Art appreciation, History and Psychology and other topics will be added as interest dictates. For further information, suggestions and to express an interest, contact the U3A membership secretary Paul Griffin by email pgriffin457@btinternet.com or 01580 212457.

By the time you read this newsletter Goudhurst will have bloomed and we will look forward to congratulating the winners in next month's issue. Meanwhile, a huge thank you to Mrs Angela Broom for her enthusiasm and energy in coordinating this year's competition and to all those who took part and met the challenges of contrary weather. The British are not so easily deterred!

May 2014, whilst being the date of the next UK General Election, is possibly as importantly (!) the date of the next Goudhurst Parish Council elections. So if you would like to think about contributing to the life of our lovely villages, learn more about the community in which you live and most importantly have an interesting, rewarding and enjoyable time, join our Parish Council. Further information will be available in coming months.

Amy, Antony, Barry, Clive, David, Ed, Guy, John, Phil, Stephen & Tony

GOUDHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are:

Parish Council	Monday 08 September	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 09 September	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
War Memorials Committee	Thursday 11 September	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Planning Committee	Tuesday 23 September	6.30 pm	Jessel Room
Amenities Committee	Tuesday 23 September	7.30 pm	Jessel Room
Parish Council	Monday 13 October	7.30 pm	Jessel Room

All are welcome to attend these meetings at which time is set aside for questions from the public.

Anthony Farnfield, Clerk 01580 212552
clerk@goudhurst.co.uk www.goudhurst.co.uk

OLD PARSONAGE SURGERY

Patient Participation Group Newsletter No. 7

New Doctor at the Old Parsonage Surgery

Dr Victoria Pace joined the Old Parsonage Surgery in April 2014, replacing Dr Llewellyn who retired at the end of March 2014. Victoria has written the following synopsis of herself:

“I am delighted to join the surgery, having been working as a GP for nearly 20 years. I love the village of Goudhurst and have been made very welcome. I have a special interest in sexual and women’s health, minor surgery and joint injections and I will be offering these services at the Old Parsonage Surgery. I am married to a GP and have two teenage children who both go to school in Kent”.

The Patient Participation Group is delighted to welcome Dr Victoria Pace and wishes her well.

New Committee Members for the PPG

The PPG would also like to welcome Mrs Hazel Blackwell and Mr Bryan Wilson to the committee. Hazel will be the PPG representative for Kilndown and Bryan is a resident and a prominent figure in Goudhurst

The Old Parsonage Surgery Patient Participation Group is actively recruiting at the moment. For your information, it is divided into the following groups:

1. Parent or carer of pre-school child or children;
2. Parent or carer with child or children under 10 years of age;
3. Parent or carer of teenage child or children;
4. Family member of, or patient who is a commuter;
5. Family member of, or a patient who is over 50;
6. Family member of, or a patient who is over 70;
7. Family member of, or a patient who has multiple health issues and uses the surgery frequently;

We are particularly looking to represent groups 1-4. If anybody is interested in becoming a member, please contact our Chairman, Mr Anthony Farnfield anthony.farnfield@goudhurst.co.uk

Doctor's annual leave

Please note that both Dr Watson and Dr Pace will be taking annual leave over the summer period and so the Surgery will be down to only one doctor on the following dates:

Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August inclusive

Monday 25th August (bank holiday) to Friday 29th August inclusive

Surgery Training Days

The Surgery will also be closed on the following afternoons, due to staff training:

Tuesday 16th September 2014 – There will be NO Children's Clinic on this date

Wednesday 22nd October 2014

Thursday 5th February 2015

Tuesday 17th March 2015 – There will be NO Children's Clinic on this date

Holiday Vaccinations

The holiday season is now here and vaccinations are often needed for many destinations. If you require vaccinations, you should download and complete a travel document from the surgery website which should then be sent back to the Practice Nurse, who can then advise which travel vaccinations will be needed and the necessary appointments will then be made. Please note that not all vaccinations are kept in stock so you should allow plenty of time before your holiday to ensure you get an appointment scheduled and the correct vaccinations administered.

MMR Vaccinations

Does your child require a pre-school boosters or MMR vaccination? If you think that your child is due a booster, please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

Most universities now also require students to have a current MMR and Meningitis C vaccination, so any parent with a teenager about to embark on a university course should think about encouraging vaccination and make an appointment with the Surgery accordingly.

Online Booking and Repeat Medicine Ordering System

The Old Parsonage Surgery has recently installed an online system for booking routine appointments and ordering repeat medicines. You will require a password to log on to the system. We would be grateful, therefore if you could come into the Surgery, when convenient to collect your electronic passwords. Please be assured that you are still able to book appointments over the telephone and by walking in to the Surgery.

Dermatological Patients

West Kent CCG have asked patients who have used the Dermatology services of the health authority to fill in an electronic questionnaire in the hope the information gained will help improve the services provided. Please use the link below to access the survey:

<https://www.surverymonkey.com/s/dermatologyNKWK>

Surgery List

Both Dr Watson and Dr Pace would like to confirm that the surgery list is not closed. Any patient, living within the boundaries, is welcome to register.

Facelift for Practice

We are sure that you will be pleased to hear that minor decorative alterations will be taking place at the surgery over the next year. These alterations will not encroach on patient access to either doctors or our nursing staff, indeed, the majority of alterations will take place over weekends or when a member of staff is on annual leave. The Doctors hope that these improvements will be beneficial to all patients.



AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday, 13th September

KILDOWN VILLAGE HALL

Show opens at 2.30 p.m.

Prizes presented at 4.00 p.m.

Exhibits to be staged and hall cleared of exhibitors by 11 a.m.

All are welcome to enter their vegetables, flowers, cookery and handicrafts in this display of the fruits of our labours. Non-members as well as members can enter – the more the merrier to provide a colourful and vibrant show.

For details of classes contact:

Lynda Shepherd – 01580 879 549 ; lyndashepherd@talktalk.net

Barbara Stafford – 01580 212467

Club News

A very entertaining and informative talk from Jude Lawton delighted a record audience at the August meeting. We now know many tasks we do because “we’ve always done that” are totally unnecessary and we’ll have much more free time in the future.

Date for the Diary

Thursday, 2nd October, 7.45 p.m., Kildown Village Hall. Steve Bradley from BBC Radio Kent Gardening Show and author of many gardening books will be with us for a “Gardeners’ Question Time”. We are very fortunate to have secured a visit from Steve Bradley and hope that many of you will want to bring your gardening queries for his expert advice.

Barbara Stafford